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 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST G-IV-B-022  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

USGS Quad: Deer Park

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Potomac State Forest

AND/OR COMMON

Potomac State Forest

(SHELTER: G-IV-B-022)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

(Headquarters) Upperman Road

CITY, TOWN

6 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Oakland vicinity

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Garrett

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

☒ OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED

☒ YES UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☒ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

580 Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**DESCRIPTION**

G-IV-B-022

**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☐ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Potomac State Forest is located in southeastern Garrett County. It contains 12,400 acres of land in scattered tracts on Backbone Mountain along the Potomac River. The area consist of rugged forest land underlain with deposits of coal.

Prior to its becoming a state forest this land was prime logging territory and also helped to support several nearby coal mining communities such as Kempton, Shallmar and Vindex. Today there are extensive strip mining operations on property adjacent to the state forest land. The State began to acquire this forest in 1931. In the mid-1930s it was the location of the Civilian Conservation Corps activity.

The only structures included in the state forest property of which the staff is aware, is the superintendent's residence built by the CCC. The pavilion was rebuilt in 1976. Other structures are modern and include service buildings and garages. A wooden walkway was built in 1977 with CETA labor.

The CCC vintage house is a one-and-a-half story, five-bay building resting on low coursed stone foundations. It is constructed of stacked logs without the use of chinking or daubing. The logs are cut flat on the top, bottom and inside surfaces. The exterior surfaces are stripped of their bark and formed in a peaked curve. At the corners alternate courses of logs overlap, extending beyond the surface of the building. A projecting bay forms a wall dormer with a gabled roof. The chimney is of coursed stone construction with corbeling at its top. Part of the front elevation is recessed beneath a shed roofed porch. The porch has a balustrade of upright logs.

The structures appear to be in excellent condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structures on the Potomac State Forest land reflect the pervasive form of CCC construction. This is an important form of log building developed during the CCC period. The CCC construction does not represent a traditional form of log building.

The Potomac State Forest is also associated with the 19th century lumber industry which was a mainstay of the economy of Garrett County. The importance of the coal industry also affected the Potomac State Forest.

According to literature distributed by DNR, during the late 19th century, reckless logging methods and frequent forest fires had threatened the lumber industry and the local economy. The State began its acquisition program in 1931 to protect the natural resources and to stabilize the economy.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Potomac State Forest and adjoining Garrett State Forest cover a vast number of acres of rugged mountain land in Garrett County. Historical data that has been gathered about this state forest reveals that it was significant in the logging and coal industries during the late-19th and early-20th centuries.

It is recommended that these activities be incorporated into historical information published by DNR. Potomac State Forest has already included historical background in its literature, describing how DNR acquired the land and how the state forest was established. An effort might be made to develop explanations and interpretations of the logging, mining and Civilian Conservation Corps activities and remaining structures and sites for hikers and campers.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12,400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

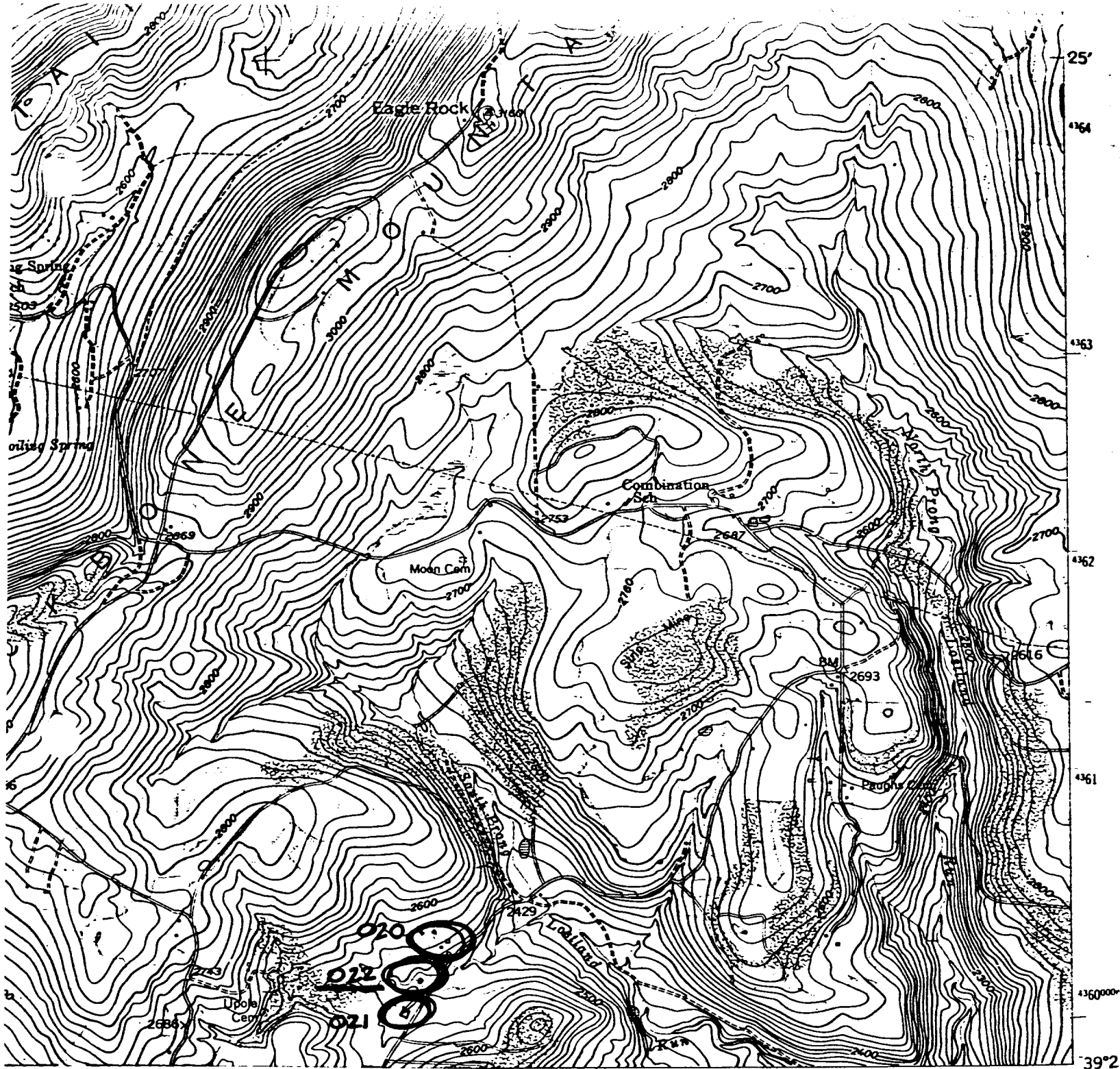
STATE

SharpsburgMaryland 21782

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Deer Park, MD.  
 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1:24000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

Site #s: G-IV-B-020, G-IV-B-021, G-IV-B-022  
 House, walled spring, picnic shelter  
 West side, Potomac Camp Road, approx.  
 .7 mi. north of its intersection with  
 Combination Road, Potomac State Forest



G-2-B; Blomac State Forest  
pioneer shelter

ONR Survey

August, 1973

Photo Station  
Preservation Association